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SUBJECT: MILITARY SITUATION: VIEWS OF CINC AND HIGH COMMAND

1. OVER WEEKEND MAY 18-19 REUTERS (AS WELL AS VOA, BBC) CARRIED STORY DATED LUANDA THAT LOCAL PRESS REPORTED CINC IN ANGOLA HAD DECLARED CEASE FIRE. HIGH COMMAND HERE STATES THIS NOT ACCURATE, AND NO ANNOUNCEMENT THIS EFFECT HAS BEEN IN LOCAL PAPER.

2. NEW CINC TOLD ME MAY 20 THAT PORTUGUESE ARMY HAS CEASED "OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS" AND WILL NOW ONLY REACT TO GUERRILLA ATTACKS. TROOPS HAVE BEEN EXPRESSLY ORDERED NOT TO DESTROY GUERRILLA CROPS OR HUTS (AND TO CEASE DEFOLIATION - SIC) BUT
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TO REACT AS STRONGLY AS POSSIBLE TO ANY GUERRILLA THREAT TO

BARRACKS OR VILLAGES. ACCORDING TO HIGH COMMAND INFORMATION OFFICER, ARMY IS FOLLOWING BROADCASTS OUT OF KINSHASA AND BRAZZAVILLE CLOSELY AND FEELS MPLA AND FNLA MAY SOON ACCEPT OFFER OF CEASE FIRE, WHICH MFA WILL WELCOME. CINC SAID NO FNLA OR MPLA OFFENSIVE ACTIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE APRIL 26.

3. LOCAL COMMUNIQUE NOW REFER TO "FREEDOM MOVEMENTS" (MOVIMENTOS DE EMACIPACAO) INSTEAD OF FORMER PERJORATIVE "TERRORIST GROUPS."

4. COMMENT: ATTITUDE OF MILITARY IS THAT WAR PRACTICALLY OVER. THEY POINT OUT REASONS FOR GUERRILLAS TO CONTINUE FIGHTING HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT, AND CINC REITERATED LINE PREVIOUSLY USED BY FORMER MILITARY COMMANDERS - THAT GUERRILLAS ARE "TIRED," ESPECIALLY FNLA "NONE OF WHOSE EFFECTIVES IS A VOLUNTEER." ARMY LOOKS TO FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS TO SMOOTH ITS EXIT FROM ANGOLA, BUT ACCORDING TO CINC AND OTHERS, IS DETERMINED TO KEEP ARMY'S HONOR INTACT AND WILL NOT PERMIT EITHER ENEMY IN THE FIELD OR CIVILIAN BLACKS OR WHITES IN CITIES TO UPSET PLANS. WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT ARMY WILL COME DOWN HARD ON ANY URBAN VIOLENCE AND WILL COMMIT TROOPS TO ACTION TO COUNTER THREATS OR ACTUAL ATTACKS ON MILITARY BASES OR VILLAGES.

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